

OUR REF: 020801
IN THE US PATENT OFFICE

EXAMINER

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BY - Sasaki et al

Sirs:

Kindly amend the claims in the application filed herewith
as follows:

Claims 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, change in the manner shown in
the "Marked Up Copy", and appearing in clean copy of each claim
in the attached Appendix.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are in the application. Claims, 11, 14,15,16,17
and 18 have been amended to bring them more in line with US practice.
Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

The Filing Fee due after amendment by the Preliminary
Amendment is as shown on the attached Fee Calculation Sheet.

In view of the foregoing, examination and allowance are
respectfully solicited.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Respectfully

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